

There is therefore a falling off in the total membership of forty-two, the decrease having taken place chiefly in the classes of Members and Students. The decrease is, however, more than accounted for by the large number removed from the roll early in the present year for non-payment of dues. Taking this fact into consideration, the effective membership of the Society remains practically unchanged.

The membership of the Society has now, in the opinion of the Council, reached as large a number as should be expected from the population of the country, and no material increase in its numbers should be looked for in the near future.

At the time of the last Annual General Meeting there were five new applications, and at the present time there are three applications for admission into the Society.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Ninth Annual General Meeting was called to order at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 24th, 1895, Mr. P. Alex. Peterson, president, in the Chair, and after the appointment of the scrutineers was adjourned to Wednesday, January 25th, at 10 o'clock a.m. The meeting re-assembled at 2.30 p.m., when the business of the meeting was concluded, and the Address of the retiring President, being a "review of the re-construction work on the Canadian Pacific Railway since 1886," delivered.

On Tuesday evening, a Members' Dinner was held in the Windsor Hotel, and on Wednesday evening an ordinary meeting of the Society was held in the Engineering building, McGill University. At this meeting His Excellency the Governor-General and the Countess of Aberdeen were present. An address of welcome and the diploma of Honorary Membership in the Society was presented to His Excellency. Afterwards Prof. Bovey's paper on the Strength of Canadian Timbers was read, and light refreshments were partaken of.

ORDINARY MEETINGS.

Fifteen ordinary meetings have been held during the year, at which the following papers were read:—On "The Strength of Canadian Douglas Fir, Red Pine, White Pine and Spruce," by Prof. H. T. Bovey, M. Can.Soc. C.E.; on "Cement Testing," Parts I and II, by Cecil B. Smith, M. Can.Soc. C.E.; on "A Micrometer Attachment," by W. T. Thompson, A.M. Can.Soc. C.E.; on "The Application of a Stoney